

Resource Concerns

Grazing Land _____

Animal Waste _____

**Elk Conservation District
2004 Environmental Ranking Criteria**

Points can only be earned when there is an environmental concern to be addressed by the implementation of a Conservation Management System. If the applicant is already doing the conservation practice that eliminates an environmental concern, then points will not be assigned. Points will be awarded as written on the worksheet and not arbitrarily reduced.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

FSN _____ TRACT _____

Environmental ranking criteria points

1. Prescribed Grazing ...Forages will be managed by height for appropriate species.

_____ points earned / 10 points

- a. Nutrient management, a soil test will be required and is to be presented to the NRCS office. Application of lime and fertilizer will be based on the soil test recommendations, the forage species and the stocking rate of livestock. The maximum number of acres eligible for soil amendment cost share on any one contract, will be capped at 25% of the eligible grazing land or 40 acres which ever is greater.

** Cost sharing for Nutrient Management will be capped at the following amounts of soil amendments:*

- Lime 3tons/acre
- N 75lbs/acre
- P 80lbs/acre
- K 120lbs/acre

_____ points earned / 5 points

- b. Livestock exclusion from streams.
Point total based on percentage of resource concern addressed.

_____ points earned / 10 points

c. Livestock exclusion from woodland.

Point total based on percentage of resource concern addressed.

_____ points earned / 10 points

d. Converting land, which is being grazed but which is too steep to properly manage, to woodland.

_____ points earned / 5 points

e. Reduce sheet and rill erosion on grazing land. Use predominate soil type for the field/farm.

Reduce soil loss 1 to 2 tons/acre _____ points earned / 2 points

Reduce soil loss greater than 2 tons/ac _____ points earned / 5 points

f. Degree of pasture management based on the length of the grazing cycle.

Management Type	Points
Continuous Grazing	0
Rotational Grazing	5
MIG	10

_____ points earned / 10 points

g. Extended grazing to keep livestock in pasture longer (stockpiled grazing), after November 15th.

Time (weeks)	Points
2	2
4	5
6	8
8+	10

_____ points earned / 10 points

h. Pasture planting to establish a higher quality forage.

Planting Type	Points
Fescue Planting	3
Non-fescue or warm season Planting	5

_____ points earned / 5 point

2. Develop sources of drinking water for livestock in order to reduce excessive erosion or animal waste related problems to improve surface water quality.

_____ points earned / 10 points

3. Improve water quality and provide for better utilization of animal waste nutrients by relocating an established winter feeding area away from concentrated flow area or stream. (Standard Code 757 Animal Use Area Protection).

_____ points earned / 10 points

4. Reduce surface water quality problems by constructing a waste storage facility. (Refer to animal waste facility in Technical Guide, Section IV).

_____ points earned / 10 points

total points _____ / 100 possible points